

Richards Jr., William T.

## Pfc. William T. Richards, Jr. JUN 22 1944 Wounded on Invasion Front

Pfc. William T. Richards, Jr., 1222 Center Street, is the first Bethlehem casualty reported officially from the invasion front.



PFC. WILLIAM T. RICHARD

Word that he has been wounded in action was received yesterday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Richards.

According to the telegram from the Adjutant General's office, young Richards was wounded in France on June 7, the day after D-Day. Details will be communicated to his parents as soon as possible, the telegram indicated.

Pvt. Richards, holder of two medals for his sharp-shooting ability, was a sniper, his parents report. It is believed that he was in the midst of action on those first hours of fury as troops landed and began the desperate task of clearing the enemy from their protected defenses.

Young Richards observed his 22nd birthday anniversary last Sunday.

He has been in the Army since May 29, 1942, and has been overseas since January of this year. He trained at Fort Knox, Ky., Camp Gordon at Augusta, Ga., and Camp Johnston, Fla. He attended Liberty High School and was employed as a crane repairman at Bethlehem Steel Company at the time of his induction.

His fiancée is Miss Loraine Daniels, 93 West Raspberry Street.

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